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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

v.

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC,

Defendant.

In re:

BERNARD L. MADOFF,

Debtor.

IRVING H. PICARD, Trustee for the Liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (SMB)

SIPA Liquidation

(Substantively Consolidated)

Adv. Pro. No. 10-04883 (SMB)

ROBERT BERNSTEIN,

Defendant.

NOTICE OF MEDIATION REFERRAL

On November 10, 2010, this Court entered the Order (1) Establishing Litigation Case Management Procedures for Avoidance Actions and (2) Amending the February 16, 2010 Protective Order (the "Order")¹ [Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (BRL), Dkt. No. 3141]. Pursuant to the Notice of Applicability filed by Plaintiff Irving H. Picard (the "Trustee"), as trustee for the substantively consolidated liquidation of the business of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC ("BLMIS") under the Securities Investor Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78aaa, *et seq.* ("SIPA"), and the estate of Bernard L. Madoff individually ("Madoff"). The Order and the avoidance procedures contained therein (the "Avoidance Procedures") are applicable to the instant matter.

Pursuant to the Avoidance Procedures, the Trustee and Defendant may jointly agree to enter mediation prior to or upon completion of discovery without further court order. Avoidance Procedures, \P 5A.

Through this Notice of Mediation Referral, the Trustee and Defendant Robert Bernstein (the "Parties") hereby state that they have completed discovery in the above-referenced adversary proceeding and agree to be referred to mandatory mediation at this time.

Pursuant to the Avoidance Procedures, the Parties agree that within 14 calendar days after the filing of this Notice of Mediation Referral, the Parties shall choose a mediator in accordance

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¹ All terms not defined herein shall be given the meaning ascribed to them in the Order.

with the Mediation Order. If the Parties are unable to agree on a mediator, the Court shall appoint one in accordance with the Mediation Order.

Dated: New York, New York

February 19, 2014

/s/ Nicholas J. Cremona

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